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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during June totaled 1.1 million pounds, unchanged from May but 8 percent below the previous year.

There were 1,100 head of **cattle** slaughtered during June, 100 head below May and 200 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 861 pounds, down 24 pounds from the previous month but 23 pounds above June 2002. Total live weight, at 933,000 pounds, was 11 percent below the previous month and 14 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during June totaled 800 head, up 100 head from May and the previous year. Live weight averaged 499 pounds, down 5 pounds from May and 18 pounds below a year ago. Total live weight, at 414,000 pounds, was up 12 percent from May and 7 percent above the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during June totaled 1,800 head, up 100 head from May but unchanged from June 2002. Average live weight was 196 pounds, down 6 pounds from May and 10 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 349,000 pounds, unchanged from May but 6 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during June was 100 head, down 100 head from May and from the previous year. Live weight averaged 82 pounds, down 1 pound from the previous month but 3 pounds above the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in June, a new record high for the month, up 4 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in June 2002.

June 2002 contained 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. June 2003 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year and was a monthly record high. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 6 percent from June 2002. The average live weight, at 1,217 pounds, was down 19 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 15.0 million pounds, 2 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,000 head, down 3 percent from June 2002. The average live weight was 17 pounds above last year, at 336 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.53 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.75 million head, 3 percent above June 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was up slightly from June 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from June a year ago.

January to June 2003 commercial red meat production was 23.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year; veal was up 5 percent; pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 11 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	May	June			Jan - June	June		Jan - June	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Number, thousand head					Number, thousand head			
Cattle	1.2	1.3	1.1	8.2	7.2	3,062.2	3,248.6	17,567.8	17,814.8
Calves	0.7	0.7	0.8	4.4	4.6	76.1	74.0	474.5	491.5
Hogs	1.7	1.8	1.8	13.8	12.7	7,531.2	7,747.4	48,427.8	48,510.2
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.4	1.0	230.6	228.9	1,635.5	1,473.8
	Total live weight, thousand pounds					Total live weight, thousand pounds			
Cattle	1,043	1,090	933	7,097	6,377	3,784,155	3,954,977	21,782,369	21,935,842
Calves	370	386	414	2,225	2,334	24,286	24,859	153,947	161,193
Hogs	350	370	349	2,971	2,686	1,995,607	2,058,604	12,917,656	12,961,189
Sheep & Lambs	13	16	12	133	103	30,192	30,313	223,590	197,752
	Average live weight, pounds					Average live weight, pounds			
Cattle	885	838	861	865	886	1,236	1,217	1,240	1,232
Calves	504	517	499	506	507	319	336	325	328
Hogs	202	206	196	215	211	265	266	267	267
Sheep & Lambs	83	79	82	95	103	131	132	137	134
	Million pounds					Million pounds			
Red meat	1.1	1.2	1.1	8.2	7.5	3,810.8	3,947.8	22,990.7	23,013.5

Louisiana & United States Cattle And Calf Inventories

Class	Louisiana ¹	United States		2003 as a % of 2002
	Jan. 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2003	
	-----1,000 Head-----			Percent
All Cattle and Calves	860	105,100	103,900	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	520	42,900	42,700	100
Beef Cows	471	33,750	33,600	100
Milk Cows	49	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	113	16,200	15,900	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	86	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	10	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	17	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	24	14,500	14,500	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	33	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	170	29,400	29,000	99
Calf Crop ²	415	38,193	38,000	99

¹Estimates are not published for Louisiana on July 1, 2003.

²The 2002 calf crop is all calves born during 2002. For the U.S., the 2003 calf crop is all calves born before July 1, 2003, plus the number expected to be born on or after July 1.

July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All **cattle and calves** in the United States as of July 1, 2003, totaled 103.9 million head, 1 percent below the 105.1 million on July 1, 2002, and 2 percent below the 105.8 million two years ago.

All **cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.7 million, were slightly below the 42.9 million on July 1, 2002, and 1 percent below the 43.0 million two years ago.

- **Beef cows**, at 33.6 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2002, and 1 percent below two years ago.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.1 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2002, but were the same as two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2003, and the changes from July 1, 2002, are as follows:

- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 15.9 million, down 2 percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.6 million, unchanged.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.6 million, down 3 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 7.7 million, down 3 percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 2 percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- **Calves** under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, down 1 percent.

The 2003 calf crop is expected to be 38.0 million, down 1 percent from 2002 and down 1 percent from 2001. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1 percent from 2002 and down 1 percent from 2001.

Louisiana Catfish Production, July 1, 2003, with Comparisons To United States

Item	Louisiana				United States			
	Total Number		Total Live Weight		Total Number		Total Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
Broodfish	27	19	165	100	1,052	894	5,435	4,270
Large Foodsize	520	450	1,890	1,680	10,220	7,380	34,190	24,880
Medium Foodsize	4,900	8,900	8,500	15,600	94,400	85,200	176,800	156,300
Small Foodsize	8,400	12,000	8,400	10,900	281,000	254,300	285,300	248,300
Total Foodsize	13,820	21,350	18,790	28,180	385,620	346,880	496,290	429,480
Large Stockers	16,500	6,800	7,200	3,000	378,800	313,700	159,800	123,600
Small Stockers	28,500	10,100	2,400	1,230	388,100	335,100	39,400	32,030
Total Stockers	45,000	16,900	9,600	4,230	766,900	648,800	199,200	155,630
Fingerlings/Fry	94,300	85,300	1,700	1,400	1,636,000	1,501,800	25,140	22,330

Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in Louisiana had 21.4 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2003, up 54 percent from the July 1, 2002, total of 13.8 million. Live weight totaled 28.2 million pounds for all foodsize fish, 50 percent above July 1, 2002. The breakout of foodsize fish inventory numbers, on July 1, 2003, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 450,000, down 13 percent; medium foodsize, 8.9 million, up 82 percent; and small foodsize, 12.0 million, up 43 percent. Catfish producers had 19,000 broodfish on hand on July 1, 2003, down 30 percent from last year. Live weight totaled 100,000 pounds for broodfish, down 39 percent from July 1, 2002. The number of stockers on hand on July 1, 2003, totaled 16.9 million fish, down 62 percent from the 45.0 million fish on hand a year ago. Of the total number of stockers on hand, 6.8 million were large stockers, down 59 percent from the previous year. The remaining 10.1 million were small stockers, down 65 percent. Live weight totaled 4.23 million pounds for all stockers, 56 percent below July 1 of last year. Producers had 85.3 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2003, down 10 percent from the 94.3 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2002. Live weight, at 1.40 million pounds, was down 18 percent from the 1.70 million pounds a year ago.

United States Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi) had 347 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2003, down 10 percent from the July 1, 2002, total of 386 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2003, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 7.38 million, down 28 percent; medium foodsize, 85.2 million, down 10 percent; and small foodsize, 254 million, down 10 percent. The four major states also had 894 thousand broodfish on hand on July 1, 2003, down 15 percent from last year's 1.05 million. The number of large stockers on hand on July 1, 2003, totaled 314 million fish, down 17 percent from the 379 million fish on hand a year ago. There were 335 million small stockers, down 14 percent from last year. Producers had 1.50 billion fingerlings and fry on hand on July 1, 2003, down 8 percent from the 1.64 billion on hand July 1, 2002. Live weight, at 22.3 million pounds, was down 11 percent from the 25.1 million pounds a year ago.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003 ¹	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003 ¹
	-----Dollars-----			-----Dollars-----		
Soybeans, per bushel	5.51	2/	2/	5.35	6.09	5.84
Rice, per cwt	3.77	5.78	6.18	3.81	5.04	4.90
Upland Cotton, per pound	.287	.442	3/ .463	.353	.453	3/ .469
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	93.60	94.60	89.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt	47.80	51.10	53.90	63.70	74.90	74.30
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	70.30	77.60	79.00	66.50	78.70	77.60
Cows, per cwt	36.20	39.20	41.00	37.40	42.00	44.30
Calves, per cwt	85.00	90.50	92.00	95.20	102.00	103.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.300	.360	.360
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.565	.678	.697
Milk, All, per cwt ⁴	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.10	11.10	11.80

¹Mid-month;

²Insufficient data to establish price;

³Based on sales during the first half of the month;

⁴Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = not available

Prices Received Index Down

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July is 104, based on 1990-92=100, down 2.8 percent from the June index. Since last month all commodity group indexes are unchanged or lower except cotton, fruit and nuts and dairy. Lower prices for lettuce, corn, hogs and wheat more than offset higher prices for dairy, cantaloup, asparagus and broccoli. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Decreased average marketings of dairy, cantaloup, asparagus and strawberries offset increased marketings of wheat, grapes, hay and peaches.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 5.1 percent from July 2002. Higher prices for cattle, broilers, eggs and soybeans more than offset lower prices for wheat, sweet corn, potatoes and turkeys.

The Food Commodities Index also declined 2.8 percent below last month to 104, but is 7.2 percent above July last year.

Prices Paid Index Down

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates is 127 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 1 point from June but 3.3 percent above July 2002. Lower prices in July for feed grains, feeder pigs, nitrogen fertilizers and hay and forages offset higher prices for feeder cattle, LP gas, feed supplements and gasoline.

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